

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Cost and Time Overruns
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any mechanism has been put in place in the Railways for regular monitoring at various levels of administration to avoid cost and time overruns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which cost and time overruns has been brought down after the setting up of the said mechanism; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Mechanism to monitor and review Railway projects is in place at different levels starting from field units, Zonal Railways, Ministry of Railways etc. However, completion of projects depends on many factors such as land acquisition, forestry & wild life clearances, shifting of services, construction of road over and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. apart from availability of funds. As many of these factors are not within the control of Railways, it is not feasible to fix timelines for all the projects. As a result, most of the ongoing projects are facing time and cost overrun. It is not possible to measure extent of reductions in time and cost over-runs due to several factors as mentioned above. However, it is Railways' endeavour to complete the ongoing projects expeditiously.
